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## WENDELL H. FORD GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS REFORM ACT

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 4650–4654, and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 557–559, were introduced. Page H9178

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 494, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the treatment of crops destroyed by casualty (H. Rept. 105–751);

H.R. 2943, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor (H. Rept. 105–752);

H.R. 1608, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have died in foreign conflicts other than declared wars (H. Rept. 105–753); and

H. Res. 558, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–754); and

H.R. 633, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers (H. Rept. 105–755 part 1). Page H9178

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9085

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H9090

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Nutria Eradication and Control Pilot Program:** H.R. 4337, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Maryland for a pilot program to develop measures to

eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria; Pages H9092–93

**Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Promotion Act:** H.R. 4248, amended, to authorize the use of receipts from the sale of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to promote additional stamp purchases; Pages H9094–95

**Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 4017, amended, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 2002. Subsequently, S. 417 was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 4017. Agreed to amend the title. H.R. 4017 was laid upon the table; Pages H9096–H9104

**Hydroelectric Project in Arkansas:** H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas; Pages H9104–05

**Africa: Seeds of Hope Act:** H.R. 4283, to support sustainable and road-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa; Pages H9105–10

**Designating Sidney R. Yates Federal Building:** H.R. 4595, amended, to redesignate a Federal building located in Washington, D.C., as the “Sidney R. Yates Federal Building”. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H9117–18

**Designating Richard C. White Federal Building:** H.R. 3598, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the “Richard C. White Federal Building”; Pages H9118–19

**Designating Jere Cooper Federal Building:** H.R. 2730, to designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the “Jere Cooper Federal Building”; Pages H9119–20

**Designating Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse:** H.R. 2187, to designate the United

States Courthouse located at 40 Foley Square in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse";

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**Regarding Youth Performing Work with Wood Products:** H.R. 4257, amended, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products;

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**Drive for Teen Employment Act:** H.R. 2327, amended, to provide for a change in the exemption from the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 for minors between 16 and 18 years of age who engage in the operation of automobiles and trucks. Agreed to amend the title.

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**Suspensions—Failed:** The House failed to pass H.R. 3891, amended, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to prohibit the unauthorized destruction, modification, or alteration of product identification codes (failed by a yea and nay vote of 245 yeas to 167 nays with  $\frac{2}{3}$  required for passage, Roll No. 470).

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**Defense Appropriations Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yea and nay vote of 369 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 471.

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**Energy and Water Development Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yea and nay vote of 389 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 472.

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**Bankruptcy Reform Act:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3150, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of the House bill, the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, McCollum, Gekas, Goodlatte, Bryant, Chabot, Conyers, Nadler, Boucher, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

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Agreed to the Nadler motion to instruct conferees to agree to section 405 of the Senate amendment that prohibits creditors from terminating or refusing to renew an extension of credit because the consumer did not incur finance charges (agreed to by a recorded vote of 295 yeas to 119 noes, Roll No. 473).

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**Resolution Regarding Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 317, expressing the sense of Congress that Members of Con-

gress should follow the examples of self-sacrifice and devotion to character displayed by Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson of the United States Capitol Police.

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**Higher Education Amendments:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, by voice vote.

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**Extending Quarterly Financial Report Program:** The House passed S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29.

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**Presidential Message—Railroad Retirement Board:** Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9090.

**Referral:** S. 2511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by the employees, was referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9148, H9148–49, H9149–50, and H9150. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PROTECTING CONSUMERS AGAINST CRAMMING AND SPAMMING

**Committee on Commerce:** Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Protecting Consumers Against Cramming and Spamming. Testimony was heard from Eileen Harrington, Associate Director Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC;